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	(21) Hoshangabad	Less than 7500	
	(22) Damoh	Less than 7500	
	(23) Panna	Less than 7500	
	(24) Chhatarpur	Less than 7500	
	(25) Seoni	Less than 7500	
	(26) Shahdol	Less than 7500	
	(27) Chhindwara	Less than 7500	
Chhattisgarh	(1) Raipur	More than 7500	
	(2) Durg	More than 7500	
	(3) Bilaspur	More than 7500	
	(4) Raigarh (Jashpur)	More than 7500	
	(5) Rajnandgaon	Less than 7500	

Violation of LoC ceasefire

1581. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI LALIT SURI:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the last few months there have been cases of violation of ceasefire from across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the number of cases of violation, the number of casualties and other losses suffered by the civilian population and the armed forces including the para-military forces;

(c) whether protest in this regard has been lodged with the Government of Pakistan; and

(d) if so, their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There have been four incidents of firing from across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir since November, 2003. No casualties or losses have been suffered by the civilian population and the armed forces including the para-military forces in these incidents.

(c) and (d) Our Director General of Military Operations (DGMOs) has raised the issue with his Pakistan counterpart and lodged strong protest. The Pakistan DGMO has however denied the complicity of their troops in opening fire in all the cases but has reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to uphold the ceasefire.

Steps taken to check LoC ceasefire agreement

†1582. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cease fire agreement has been contravened by the recent firings made by the Pakistani army along the Jammu and Kashmir area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the army General has talked to the Pakistani army officers;

(d) if so, the results thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to check the contravention of ceasefire agreement in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There have been four cases of firing across the Line of Control (LoC) once in Novermber, 2004 twice in January, 2005 and once in February, 2005 in Palanwala, Poonch and Rajouri sectors in recent times.

(c) to (e) Director General of Military Operations (DGMOs) has raised the issue with his Pakistan counterpart and lodged strong protest against these incidents. The Pakistan DGMO has denied the complicity of their troops in opening fire in all the cases but has reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to uphold the ceasefire. They have also assured that all possible steps will be taken to prevent any violation of ceasefire.

Transfer of maintenance responsibility of commercial complexes

1583. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to transfer the responsibility of maintenance of the commercial complexes from Defence Estates to service Headquarters;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.